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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

ROBERT SISSON,

Plaintiff.

vs.

Case No.: CV '10 - 1450 HA

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES

ACT (15 USC § 1692a, et seq.);

UNITED COLLECTION BUREAU, INC..

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA").

II. JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 USC § 1331.

III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Robert Sisson ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in Multnomah County, Oregon.

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4. Defendant, United Collection Bureau, Inc., ("Defendant") is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 5. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
 - 6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a "debt," as defined by 15 USC § 1692a(5).
- 8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.
- 9. Communicating with Plaintiff after having received a letter from Plaintiff with a request to cease and desist all collection contacts or a statement that Plaintiff refuses to pay the debt. Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant dated June 30, 2010, in which Plaintiff disputed the debt and requested that Defendant make no further contact with Plaintiff. Defendant ignored Plaintiff's requests by sending Plaintiff another letter stating that it was not required to provide any documentation to Plaintiff (§ 1692c(c)).
- 10. Falsely representing the character, amount, or legal status of Plaintiff's debt, including representing that Plaintiff owes a debt he does not owe, even after Plaintiff disputed the debt and explained precisely why he did not owe it (§ 1692e(2)(A)).

- 11. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.
- 12. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.
- 13. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.
- 14. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed in paragraphs 8-10, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

- 15. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 16. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA, §§ 1692c(c) & 1692e(2)(A).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 USC 1692k;
- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;

- D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,
 - E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2010.

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